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## Matthew Gage to Jerrie E. Sanders (2 October 1858)

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Wm. E. Sanders Jr

I am in receipt of your favor of recent date and Mary is also to hand but a day or so ago to Ferris and in the absence of all or any news of importance I will make an attempt to write you a line if but simply to let you know that we are yet alive and kicking. You surely cannot expect of me punctual attention in matters of a regular Correspondence, as I have grown from various causes almost incompetent to the task, but you may occasionally indulge a reasonable hope of hearing from me whilst alive. I am at the present writing not so well as I have generally been for months past as I am to some extent visited rather more than usual with my old afflictions, to wit: palpitations, but I hope this will pass in a few days and I to regain my usual equilibrium. I have been going to writing this note "Wednesday past" that I must account inadequately for the present attack or unsettled state of things. On Wednesday was my daughter's acquaintance of Mary's Miss Lou Tackett to Mr Ingram, of Canoe County, Ind. all of which was I believe quite satisfactory & agreeable. Mr Ingram I learn was an acquaintance of Persing Lock, and this I add for Mary's benefit or possibly a relation. So enough of this. You will see you have found a very desirable location for a mill and all the conveniences as timber, &c. &c. vacant land &c. On this score I can say but little unless I was



sold out and as yet have no prospect.

Arrin left home after dinner yesterday for Oxford after rustivating for the past three months. I still indulge farmable hopes of his ultimate success. Though I think him decidedly the least one of my family & might add with a good deal of propriety the least I ever saw.

But he has enlisted for the war, — and so note it be. Miss Fing & Percin is exchanging her Ambrotype, which you say to friends, hard of belief & incredulous, to call on me and Mr. Lucas for the Original as being as far superior <sup>or infinitely different</sup> to the best copy as hiccoughing to sneezing. Fing has been sick

recently and the family and the old lady particularly so, but you know their proclivities for Cold water. Hence they suffer much & long from ordinary Chills & fevers. If you will permit I will now pray that "Eternal Spirit" from whom all goodness must come that He blesses them with a small

stream eternally & everlastingly passing through their

'Nards'. This is in keeping with the Book and reads according to our faith. They shall be said. When you

visit us next Spring bring all the boys along and Wake up Oats.

Notwithstanding all I have made a tolerably fair crop and from took uproot have out about 58

bales, though I doubt this much. Just completed a good Gin & commenced fairly to ginning. Have packed to list our

sewn 4 bales yesterday. Our segments from N.C. is certainly very good & barring all accidents by time & fire I think it likely it will make 80 to 90 bales, — was promised 150 to 200 in July.



but much you know passes between the cup and the lip.  
Now by the way we have had more child fever in our country than  
almost ever before known and in common with others my family  
has suffered to some extent but none have thus far suffered to  
much extent, cases rather of mild & intermittent form.  
Though repeated relapses with my own children. I have thus  
far passed, & this induces me to believe in as the "preaching  
would say" Special Providence, Charles is now  
sick for 2 or 3 days past and all his mother believes he  
has a fever for he feels the "fever running over him"

Now Sir When I commenced to write without any  
capital I thought I give you but a poor scribble of a  
line or two, but retrospectively I find I have written you  
sufficiently. Some sense, some humor & some or more  
nonsense, and as the cars announce their arrival at this  
moment I am warned to desist. I promise you the  
balance in my next and must now scribble from John  
Welch a reply to his highly esteemed favor. & John E. Gay  
all on the subject of dogs & as old Simon Purney says  
"not a yet"

Yours Truly

As birth, nor death, can  
be fully known to many  
and not close

Matthew Gage

P.S. Secure the same Jennie, possibly it may do.

Tell Mary her mother is so fat she has to be carried out. M.B.

Write the second, that he sardine himself as John Welch expresses it  
The wedding I am sure was a grand eloquent affair. Not on account of the  
health of family was not there